

## REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5 and 8-11 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, and 5 have been amended to correct informalities pointed out by the Examiner. No new matter has been introduced as a result of this Amendment. Four terminal disclaimers are included with this Amendment in response to the Examiner's Obviousness-type double patenting rejections. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement has also been included with this Amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the references listed on the accompanying PTO 1449 form be considered by the Examiner and be made of record herein.

### *Claim Objections*

Claims 1, 3, and 5 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to address informalities. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Objections respectfully is requested.

### *Claim Rejections*

#### Double Patenting Rejections

- A. Response to provisional rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 8-11 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over copending application 10/571,404.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 8-11 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 18-21 and 23 of copending application 10/571,404, Applicants include with this Amendment a Terminal Disclaimer. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection respectfully is requested.

- B. Response to provisional rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 8-11 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over copending application 10/571,389.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 8-11 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 21-27, 29, 32, 33, 37, 38, and 40 of copending

application 10/571,389, Applicants include with this Amendment a Terminal Disclaimer. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection respectfully is requested.

C. Response to provisional rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 8-11 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over copending application 10/571,403.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 8-11 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 23-27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 41, 42, and 44 of copending application 10/571,403, Applicants include with this Amendment a Terminal Disclaimer. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection respectfully is requested.

D. Response to provisional rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 8-11 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over copending application 10/571,382.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 8-11 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 20-22, 24-28, 30, 32, 35, 36, and 38 of copending application 10/571,382, Applicants include with this Amendment a Terminal Disclaimer. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection respectfully is requested.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have questions or comments regarding this application or this Amendment, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss the case with the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge U.S. PTO Deposit Account 08-2336 in the amount of any fee required for consideration of this Response.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2007.

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